UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOHN G. PEDICINI, Plaintiff,

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Docket No. 04-12395-JLT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al., Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3)

Defendants hereby certify, pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3), that they have conferred with counsel on the following:

1. establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the

full course, and various alternatives, of this litigation; and,

2. to consider the resolution of litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

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